

Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

December 2007

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.2 percent between November 2007 and December 2007 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.1 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.2 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the December All-items Index decreased from November 2007 primarily due to lower prices for women's clothing, men's clothing and children's clothing. Prices also decreased for recreational equipment and services (excluding vehicles), furniture, fresh fruit and non-alcoholic beverages.

Moderating these price decreases were higher prices for mortgage interest cost, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, inter-city transportation and gasoline. Prices also rose for household appliances, fuel oil and other fuels and fresh or frozen chicken.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 3.7 percent between December 2006 and December 2007 while the Canada All-items Index increased 2.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 3.1 percent and 4.9 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The December All-items Index increased from December 2006 primarily due to higher prices for housing replacement cost, homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, mortgage interest cost and other owned accommodation expenses. Prices also rose for gasoline, food purchased from restaurants and electricity.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and natural gas. Prices also fell for fresh fruit, fresh vegetables and other food preparations.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

| | Index | | Percent Change | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | <u>Dec. 2007</u> | <u>Nov. 2007</u> | <u>Nov. 2007</u> | <u>Dec. 2006</u> |
| | (2002 = 100) | | to | to |
| | | | <u>Dec. 2007</u> | <u>Dec. 2007</u> |
| SASKATCHEWAN | | | | |
| All-Items | 112.9 | 113.1 | -0.2 | 3.7 |
| Food | 110.6 | 111.0 | -0.4 | 0.1 |
| Shelter | 128.6 | 128.1 | 0.4 | 11.7 |
| Household Operations and Furnishings | 100.8 | 101.1 | -0.3 | 0.3 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 93.1 | 96.4 | -3.4 | -0.1 |
| Transportation | 114.0 | 113.6 | 0.4 | 2.2 |
| Health and Personal Care | 106.0 | 106.2 | -0.2 | 2.2 |
| Recreation, Education and Reading | 102.9 | 103.6 | -0.7 | 1.2 |
| Tobacco and Alcohol | 127.4 | 127.3 | 0.1 | 2.7 |
| All-Items Excluding Energy | 110.9 | 111.2 | -0.3 | 3.0 |
| Energy | 131.8 | 131.2 | 0.5 | 9.6 |
| CANADA | | | | |
| All-Items | 112.0 | 111.9 | 0.1 | 2.4 |
| Food | 111.7 | 111.3 | 0.4 | 1.6 |
| Shelter | 119.2 | 118.8 | 0.3 | 4.0 |
| Household Operations and Furnishings | 103.5 | 103.3 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 93.7 | 96.4 | -2.8 | 0.2 |
| Transportation | 117.5 | 116.7 | 0.7 | 3.0 |
| Health and Personal Care | 107.7 | 108.0 | -0.3 | 1.3 |
| Recreation, Education and Reading | 101.2 | 102.0 | -0.8 | 1.1 |
| Tobacco and Alcohol | 126.2 | 126.5 | -0.2 | 2.4 |
| All-Items Excluding Energy | 109.8 | 109.9 | -0.1 | 1.7 |
| Energy | 138.2 | 136.5 | 1.2 | 8.7 |
| REGINA | | | | |
| All-Items | 112.2 | 112.4 | -0.2 | 3.1 |
| SASKATOON | | | | |
| All-Items | 114.0 | 114.3 | -0.3 | 4.9 |

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

| | Percent Change | |
|----------------------|--|--|
| | <u>Nov. 2007</u> to <u>Dec. 2007</u> | <u>Dec. 2006</u> to <u>Dec. 2007</u> |
| Canada | 0.1 | 2.4 |
| Newfoundland | 0.2 | 2.3 |
| Prince Edward Island | 0.3 | 2.8 |
| Nova Scotia | 0.1 | 3.1 |
| New Brunswick | 0.0 | 2.6 |
| Quebec | 0.3 | 2.2 |
| Ontario | -0.1 | 2.1 |
| Manitoba | 0.1 | 2.0 |
| Saskatchewan | -0.2 | 3.7 |
| Alberta | -0.2 | 4.1 |
| British Columbia | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| Whitehorse | -0.1 | 4.0 |
| Yellowknife | 0.9 | 3.2 |
| Iqaluit | 0.5 | 2.8 |

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

| | Percent Change | |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| | <u>Nov. 2007</u> to <u>Dec. 2007</u> | <u>Dec. 2006</u> to <u>Dec. 2007</u> |
| St. John's | 0.2 | 2.5 |
| Charlottetown-Summerside | 0.3 | 2.9 |
| Halifax | 0.0 | 3.1 |
| Saint John | 0.0 | 2.7 |
| Quebec City | 0.3 | 2.2 |
| Montreal | 0.3 | 2.2 |
| Ottawa | -0.1 | 2.0 |
| Toronto | 0.1 | 2.4 |
| Thunder Bay | -0.1 | 1.4 |
| Winnipeg | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| Regina | -0.2 | 3.1 |
| Saskatoon | -0.3 | 4.9 |
| Edmonton | -0.2 | 4.5 |
| Calgary | -0.1 | 3.7 |
| Vancouver | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Victoria | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Whitehorse | -0.1 | 4.0 |
| Yellowknife | 0.9 | 3.2 |
| Iqaluit | 0.5 | 2.8 |

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